

AGENDA

TRINITY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

The Trinity County Commissioners' Court will meet on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**, at **9:00 A.M.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 162 W. First Street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas 75845. The following will be considered:

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Opening Prayer
3. Public Forum
4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular Session
5. Hear Presentation by Eddie Crockett with NALCOM Wireless Regarding Sheriff's Office Communication Upgrades and Take Action on Proposal
6. Take action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 103.001, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Trinity County and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code
7. Conduct a Public Hearing Concerning Extending McQueen Road, a County Maintained Road in Precinct 4, and Any Other Roads Connected to it
8. Discuss and Act on Extending McQueen Road, a County Maintained Road in Precinct 4, and Any Other Roads Connected to it
9. Discuss and Act on the Appointment of Members to the Trinity County Historical Commission pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sections 318.002-.003
10. Discuss and Act on Official Bonds
11. Discuss and Act on Pauper Funeral Payment
12. Discuss and Act on Approval of Personnel Action Forms
13. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for December 2020
14. Discuss and Act on Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for December 2020

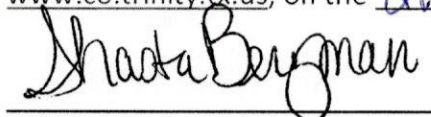
15. Discuss and Act on Approval of Monthly Report for December 2020
16. Discuss and Act on Approval of Budget Amendments
17. Discuss and Act on Approval to Issue County Credit Card to Commissioners' Assistant
18. Discuss and Act on Service Agreement for the Trinity County Tax Office with Certified Payments to Implement Credit Card Payment Processing for Registrations
19. Discuss and Act on Using Pre-Trial Diversion Funds to Purchase Office Supplies for the County Attorney's Office
20. Receive Information, Announcements and Reports from County Departments
21. Receive Monthly Activity Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office
22. Discuss and Act on Approval of the Reports for the Month of December 2020 of the Justices of the Peace, County Extension Agent, Constables, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Community Center, and 9-1-1 Addressing
23. Recess or Adjourn



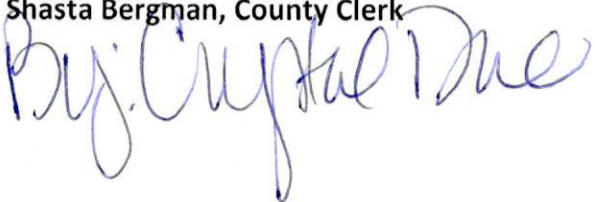
 Doug Page
 County Judge

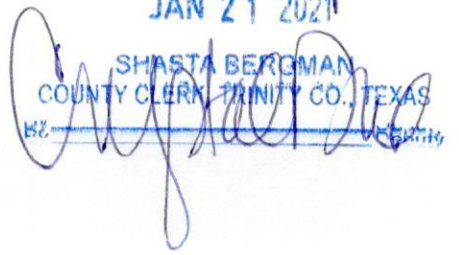
CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board located at the Trinity County Courthouse, 162 W. First Street, Groveton, Texas 75845 (1st Floor – Elevator Vestibule) and on the Worldwide Web at www.co.trinity.tx.us, on the 21st day of January at 3:25 o'clock pm.



 Shasta Bergman, County Clerk



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 at 3:25 o'clock P M
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 SHASTA BERGMAN
 COUNTY CLERK, TRINITY CO., TEXAS

Public Notice:

NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 2254.1036

WHEREAS, Trinity County ("County"), will consider entering into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ("Firm") and hereby posts this notice pursuant to Sec. 2254.106 of the Government Code.

WHEREAS, this notice shall be posted before or at the time of giving the written notice required by Government Code Sec. 551.041 for a meeting described by Sec. 2254.1036(a)(2) of the Government Code and shall announce the following:

- A. The County pursuing a contract with the Firm for the collection of delinquent court fines and fees owed to the County and through this contract the County seeks to increase recovery of its delinquent debts in as expeditious a manner as possible. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(A).
- B. The County believes the Firm has the competency, qualifications, and experience necessary to fulfill this contract. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(B). The Firm has collected delinquent government receivables for 50 years, including the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes and court fine and fees. The Firm currently has 13 primary offices and multiple satellite offices throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. It employs more than 400 individuals, including over 55 attorneys. It uses a multi-office, fully integrated team approach allowing the County access to all its offices and resources. Its collection team consists of long-term Firm employees, including attorneys, call center associates, paralegals, law clerks, legal secretaries, collection support personnel and information technology experts. The Firm utilizes proprietary collection software that can be tailored to meet any special need the County may have. This proprietary software also automates many aspects of the collection process, such as: account/debtor research, mailings and phone calls, return mail and address updates, payment notification and processing and workflow.
- C. The nature of any relationship between the County and the Firm is as follows. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(C).
The Firm has represented the County since 2008 in the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.
- D. The County is unable to collect its delinquent court fines and fees. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(D). The County currently does not have adequate support staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the County.
- E. These collection services cannot be provided for an hourly fee. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(E). The Criminal Code allows the assessment of a percentage-based fee to recover the costs of collecting delinquent court fines and fees. This percentage-based fee is assessed only against the debtor and not the County or taxpayers of the County. The collection of delinquent court fines and fees is a high-volume practice, requiring a significant amount of research, mailing, and handling of outbound/inbound calls. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed amount of delinquent court fines and fees due. Moreover, the County will bear the cost of

these hourly fees and not the debtor, because the Criminal Code does not expressly authorize the County to pay for collection services based on an hourly fee.

F. The County believes this contingent fee contract is in its best interest. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(a)(1)(F). Under the contingent fee contract, the Firm will be paid the amount of the percentage-based collection fee, regardless the number of hours the Firm spends researching, contacting and mailing to collect the delinquent debt. Additionally, the percentage-based collection penalty is a pass-through expense to the debtor and not an expense to the County or taxpayers in the County.

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